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SUBJECT: BECHTEL INQUIRY

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1. ENG. JUMA MOHAMMAD MOHAMMED IS GENERAL PRESIDENT OF AFGHAN WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY (WAPA), SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL IRRIGATION AND POWER OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. "KONAR PROJECT" IS PRESUMABLY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) FINANCED KAMA IRRIGATION AND POWER PROJECT ON KONAR (AKA KUNAR) RIVER IN NANGARHAR PROVINCE, SOUTH-EAST AFGHANISTAN NEAR CITY OF JALALABAD. ADB PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED FOR \$127,000 IRRIGATION FEASIBILITY REPORT, WHICH WAS APPROVED. AFGHANS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ADDING HYDRO-POWER ELEMENT TO PROJECT. AND ADB APPROVED \$185,000 FOR RE-STUDY OF FEASIBILITY INCLUDING HYDRO-POWER. THIS MAY BE WHAT MOHAMMEDI CABLE REFERRED TO. PROPOSALS WERE DUE SEPT., PRESUMABLY NOW DUE NOVEMBER 15.

2. EMBASSY. DOES NOT KNOW WHICH LETTER MOHAMMEDI MAY HAVE REFERRED TO. GERALD FORNEY, BECHTEL VP, VISITED KABUL JUNE 14, 1975 AND AMONG OTHER OFFICES VISITED WAPA. PERHAPS HE HAD FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WITH MOHAMMEDI.
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